

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 224
By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Rachelle Simpkins, 2005
Valedictorian of Watertown High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Rachelle Simpkins is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2005 graduating class at Watertown High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Rachelle Simpkins has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Rachelle Simpkins has earned an exemplary grade point average and plans to attend Austin Peay State University in the fall, where she will study to be a Pediatric Nurse; and

WHEREAS, a well-rounded student, Miss Simpkins also dedicated her time and energy to such organizations as Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the high school Annual Staff; and

WHEREAS, Rachelle Simpkins has also lent her outstanding capabilities to M-fuge, a week-long mission trip each summer for the past four years, and she has served with distinction as a Vacation Bible School Recreation Leader for four years; and

WHEREAS, Rachelle Simpkins' display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Rachelle Simpkins' noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Glenn and Annette Carpenter, her four siblings, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable student claims her sister Sara as the most influential person in her life, and Rachelle states that she has learned in high school to be thankful for each day God has given her; and

WHEREAS, Rachelle Simpkins' dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2005 Watertown High School Valedictorian, Rachelle Simpkins, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.